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SUBJECT: CHJUSMAGG'S INITIAL CALL ON CINCHELFOR

1. ON AUGUST 26 MG BURKE, CHJUSMAGG, PAID COURTESY CALL ON GENERAL DIONYSIOS ARBOUZIS, NEW CINCHELFOR. ARBOUZIS GAVE HIM VERY CORDIAL RECEPTION AND WAS WARM AND FRIENDLY THROUGHOUT MEETING. HE RECALLED FONDLY TIME HE HAD SPENT AT FT. LEAVENWORTH (IN 1950-51), FROM WHICH HE HAD RETURNED WITH VERY POSITIVE IMPRESSION. HE MADE POINT OF HIS PRIDE IN SILVER STAR AND LEGION OF MERIT, RIBBONS FOR WHICH HE WAS WEARING. HE VIEWED BASIC FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND GREECE AS QUITE STRONG AND INDICATED HIS DESIRE TO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH CHJUSMAGG.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH POSITIVE NOISES ARE DE RIGUEUR DURING COURTESY CALLS, WE WERE PLEASED BOTH BY THE WARMTH OF ARBOUZIS' RECEPTION OF CHJUSMAGG--WHICH REINFORCES OUR VIEW OF IMPORTANT FUNCTION JUSMAGG WILL SERVE--AND HIS POSITIVE VIEW OF US-GREEK RELATIONS--WHICH MIGHT BE USEFUL POSITIVE INDICATOR OF ROLE HE WILL PLAY IN ANY REDEFINITION OF US-GREEK SECURITY RELATIONSHIP.
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